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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS The market tone for whole birds is steady to fully steady. Demand moderate to good, best for deferred shipments. Heavy open priced private label sales of whole turkeys were reported. Trading in the East centered on frozen commodity toms for March shipments with 59.50 cent price ceilings. Trading in the Midwest and West had price ceilings on both hens and toms of 70 July, 71 August, 73 September and 74 cents delivered October. Frozen private label trading in the West with price ceilings consisted of 66 February on both hens and toms, 68-70 hens and 67-68 toms for March, 69-71 hens and 67-69 toms for April, 70-72 hens and 69 toms for May for either netted or timed product. Frozen private label nonbasted only trading in the West was noted with price ceilings of 68.50 June, 69.50 July, 70.50 August and 71.50 cents delivered September on both hens and toms. Offerings adequate. Parts and meats trading slow. Offerings adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS Demand and trading moderate to good. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Sales taking place on a variety of products to Mexico, Russia, Africa and caribbean Islands. Frozen commodity hens (7 loads) were noted at 63 cents delivered and trading was light on the balance of items.



SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	76-100
BREASTS 10-12#	131-138
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-73

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	59	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
1040	JUL-OCT
5860	FEB-OCT
1720	MAR-APR
2440	JUL-OCT
14,560	FEB-OCT

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2000.

Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm on tom breast meat with some noting fresh offerings still tight for delivery next week. Tom breast meat demand fair to good, best on fresh. Thigh meat trade sentiment mixed ranging from instances barely steady to fully steady with offerings and demand noted as being equally irregular. Tom drum trade sentiment steady to fully steady and mechanically separated turkey (MST) barely steady at best. Offerings of drums light and generally held with confidence while MST continues to be readily available. For export: livers (2 containers) 13.50, tom necks (2 loads) 16 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	101.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	21.28	214
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	21.42	101
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	15.48	254
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	173.57	470
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00		61.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	111.28	360
SCAPULA MEAT		W	69.00	120
TENDERLOINS		F	125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	141.25	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	40.40	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00		13.00	80

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-23.00		21.06	248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.50	800
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	17.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-63.00		62.60	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.